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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Rauch et al.
Int. Appl. No.	:	PCT/EP2004/050209
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For	:	AN AQUEOUS SOLUTION FOR USE AS MEDIUM FOR THE SPECIFIC BINDING REACTION OF A BINDING PAIR
Examiner	:	Unknown
Group Art Unit	:	Unknown

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. National Phase application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.